



**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF THE
CITY FOR THE YEAR 2005**

CITY OF WEST FARGO

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 2005

To the Mayor, City Commission and citizens of West Fargo, it is my pleasure to present the City Administrator's Report of the City of West Fargo for the year ended December 31, 2005. West Fargo has another great year in 2005 with continued rapid growth and expansion. The City completed the annexation of over 3,000 acres to accommodate future development south of the interstate. The City saw the completion of a new Library located in the Lodoen Center, the remodeling of the old library into City offices, the expansion of two industrial parks and the construction of over \$22,000,000 in infrastructure. The following is a listing of some of the accomplishments of the city for 2005 by department.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The financial position of West Fargo was very sound for the year ended December 31, 2005. The city received a clean opinion on the 2004 audited financial statements from the North Dakota State Auditor's Office. For 2005 the city's General Fund balance increased by 34% and has a reserve of \$1,963,139. The utility funds of the city increased by 71% with a reserve of \$4,387,381. The overall cash and investments of the city increased by \$19,225,256 or 160%.

The City expended over \$22,000,000 in expansion and improvements to infrastructure. These projects will be detailed in the Public works section of this report. To fund these projects the City issued \$28,150,000 in new special assessment debt. The City also issued \$4,730,000 in refunding bonds to refund bonds issued in 2000 to save over \$250,000 in interest costs. In December of 2005 the City issued \$10,780,000 in Water and Sewer revenue bonds to pay for new water well and tower and to replace sewer lift stations. These improvements will greatly enhance the city's water and sewer systems.

In October of 2005 the City Commission approved the budget for 2006 with a total rate of 88.73 mills. This is a decrease of a decrease of 1 mill over 2005. The 2006 budget included five new employees and a new salary scale with 20 steps instead of the ten step plan the city had in place. This new plan will allow employees an opportunity for pay advancement that was not available to them under the old plan. In August of 2005 the City Commission approved the appointment of a City Administrator. This position will coordinate the activities of the City Departments and oversee the day to day activities of the City.

The Finance Office added a receptionist position in 2005. Due to the increased work load of both the City and the Park District, the city turned the accounting functions for the Park District over to the District.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The **Renaissance Zone** has seen 12 projects approved for 2005. That is more projects than the previous four years combined. Eight of those projects were located in the new blocks added to the zone in 2005. The Renaissance Zone authority studied the use of the existing zone and recommended four blocks to be removed and four new blocks added. The new blocks are all located in commercial areas of the city. The city was also able to add two additional blocks as allowed by the ND Legislature. Six new blocks were added to the zone.

The West Fargo Industrial Park was created with a tax increment financing district. The TIF district has helped spur growth in that area. Since the parks inception, four businesses have purchased lots in which to build. Two will take occupancy in the spring. When this park is complete there will 200+ acres of prime industrial land for use.

Marvin Windows is in the process of building a 200,000 sq. ft. manufacturing plant in the northeastern area of the city. They will be manufacturing a new window product that is yet to be revealed.

Sterling Industrial Park is filling up fast and three spec buildings have been constructed for lease within the park. This creates a new market for businesses looking to lease space instead of owning. One building is fully leased.

Planning is underway for the new commercial areas along the ninth street corridor. The new interchange will create new opportunities in the future.

The Foreign Trade zone application has been completed and the City of West Fargo has over 200 acres designated. Once approved, this designation will provide an additional incentive to businesses who import/export products.

Eagle Run Plaza's first building is complete with the first business opening on Dec. 15th. Alerus Financial has purchased a pad site and will be building in 2006.

Many new businesses have inquired on locating in West Fargo. There were over 23 new businesses inquiry's with 11 of those setting up residence in the city.

The city and DMI, a major manufacturer, are working together to find a solution to movement of their product throughout the city. West Fargo has asked Metrocog to undertake a study to determine if a railroad crossing is possible to connect their property on the north and south side of the tracks.

As the year progressed, many new commercial opportunities were revealed. Some of those have come to fruition, some have gone by the wayside and some are still in the process of being developed. The City of West Fargo has seen tremendous commercial growth in 2005 and we look forward to 2006. As you can see the “City on the Grow” continues to live up to its motto.

CITY ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

It has been a very busy year again for the assessor’s office.

New staff was added which helped ease some of the pressure in the assessor’s office. The addition of Paul Houdek as a second full time person and having Shane Marcuson start as a half-time intern has allowed the assessment office to maintain. Previously we shared intern time with the planning office.

Mitch Marcuson is finishing up his third year of a four year contract for a mass reappraisal of commercial properties. This year the reappraisal was directed at office, medical, retail and restaurants. Next year will focus on apartments. The reappraisal has more than paid for itself by equalizing and bringing commercial properties up to date in value. 2005 saw an increase in commercial valuation from the reappraisal of \$14.5 million. This amounted to almost \$65,000 increase for the City of West Fargo and \$325,000 for all taxing entities.

Before his contract is up, Mitch will also aid in setting up a system of re-evaluating the commercial values on an annual basis. Shane has also been working closely with Mitch on the commercial appraisals. This will be extremely beneficial when all the assessment work is back in-house.

Annexation was a great portion of the 2005 work with McMahon Estates, Nelson Acres, and Carmell Place becoming part of our assessment inventory for 2006. The majority of the summer was spent gathering improvement information and entering those parcels into the assessment roll. The Barnes Twp assessor had good records that he turned over to us, but we still had quite a bit of information to gather that our system requires that wasn’t in his records. New annexation over the next two years will also keep the assessor’s office very busy getting those properties inventoried and into our assessment rolls.

Building permits have been somewhat lower this year than last year. But finishing up work on the record setting 2004 permits (as only about half of the projects started in a year are actually completed that year) and starting to work on the 2005 permits has kept the office hopping. Although the number of permits is down, the valuation of the permits is almost the same. The average value of a new home (exclusive of the land) in 2004 was \$127,200 while in 2005 the value is \$138,000.

As always the assessment office main concern is to assess all properties in West Fargo fairly and equitably at market value. It is becoming more and more of a challenge. One area of major challenge for the upcoming years is getting back into a reappraisal program of existing neighborhoods. The City's parcel count back in 1997 was 3,801. Today as we enter 2006, we are at 8,603 parcels (with some plats still pending or in work format and not in the system).

The City Hall remodeling project has helped the assessment office become more efficient. Just adding the work room where shared files, permits, books, etc are stored has helped immensely. Previously all these records were stored in my office which made them hard to access for other employees if I was assisting a property owner in my office. The remodeling project was a much needed and much appreciated project.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

First let's visit about some of the new officers we welcomed into our family in 2005. Officer Gerald Boyer, formerly with NDSU Police, joined us in January of 2005. In April we welcomed Officer Jason Balvik, who came to us from the Wahpeton Police Department. In October we welcomed Officer Ryan O'Donnell into our department coming to us from Bismarck Police Department. These new officers obtained positions with us because of two new positions being created within our department and a retirement. One of these new positions was that of School Resource Officer (SRO), taken on by Officer Jason Anderson. As you all know, our beloved Captain David Bruckner retired from the West Fargo Police Department in July after more than 37 years in service. Sergeant Michael Reitan was promoted to be our new Captain. Captain Bruckner's retirement was a hard decision and he will be missed greatly. Mike Reitan's move to Captain opened a Sergeant position which was filled in July by Officer Duane Sall when Duane was promoted to Sergeant covering the night shift. Another change occurred when Officer Tim Runcorn took over as Detective in Investigations for his turn at a three year assignment.

Also welcomed into our department were two new dispatchers. Paige Nelson joined us in April and Misty Darnell joined us in May. The commission was kind enough to grant us one additional dispatcher position in 2005 and Misty joined us as a replacement for Joan Johnson, who retired after serving 27 years with the City of West Fargo.

Besides their regular duties our staff is encouraged to participate in other opportunities with our department, at times acting as teachers and other times as students. The West Fargo Police Department offers two courses where the public can come and learn the workings of the police department. The Citizen's Police Academy, since its start in September of 2000, has been a very popular program amongst the citizens of West Fargo. This program is presented by Officer Rhonda Jorgensen, Sergeant Duane Sall, Officer Jason Anderson, and Officer Jason Hicks. The West Fargo Police Department Youth Academy is the second program offered by the West Fargo Police Department. Youth Academy is designed for sophomore to senior students of West Fargo High School. This program is presented by Officer Jason Balvik, Officer Ryan O'Donnell, Officer Rhonda Jorgensen, and Officer Derek Cruff. These programs are intended to increase the understanding between citizens and students of West Fargo and the police through classroom and hands on training. In addition to specialized classroom training, the individuals experience patrol duties with Police Department officers. Participants enjoy the wide range of training offered through the classroom sessions and actual training scenarios. National Night Out 2005 held on August 2nd was a huge success.

National Night Out is a community event consisting of local organizations providing informational booths, entertainment, and food to the residents of West Fargo. National Night Out is sponsored by the West Fargo Police Department in cooperation with the West Fargo Park District. With the hosting of the NNO Luncheon this year, the Chiefs/Sheriffs Hamburger Cook-off was a blast with Clay County Sheriff Bill Bergquist taking the prize for best hamburger. The events of the evening were also a huge success. The beautiful weather brought out an attendance of an estimated 3,000 people. 65 organizations participated in the program with the law enforcement area being a big hit.

Now let's take a look back at some of the calls our officers and investigators have handled in 2005. In 2005 there were 10,955 reported calls received by our department resulting in a total of 2,527 complaints taken by our officers. These calls range from medical calls, accidents, thefts, to more serious calls like domestics, aggravated and sexual assaults. A more detailed breakdown is found in later pages, along with a breakdown of investigations into some of the more serious cases investigated by our investigations department later in this introduction. Some of the more serious cases include: the investigation into the Muhles and the sexual abuse of their children; the Paula Rae Homes burglary where just about all of the furniture and items from this show house were stolen; and the investigation into a shooting accident where a young gentleman accidentally shot himself in the head killing himself instantly.

Investigations Summary

The past year in investigations was again a very active year involving a large number of cases. Our sexual abuse cases were down the first half of 2005, but increased the last quarter of 2005 two fold. An Investigator has been with Social Services almost daily since October investigating physical and sexual abuse with several of those cases still pending. The Muhle sexual abuse case is probably the most severe in recent history and involves sexual abuse allegations between the parents and children. Court proceedings will be starting soon with the main evidence being the children. There are also ongoing investigations into a handful of other cases by the Juvenile Bureau which have been very time consuming. Most of these cases involve Social Services.

Burglary and theft cases picked up toward the end of 2005 involving construction site burglaries which continue to be a problem for area law enforcement. Recently we have received information about possible suspects involved in those thefts. There have been numerous thefts lately from homes involving money and jewelry.

In reference to assaults, investigations have investigated a number of these finding the assaults usually involve the use of alcohol. This call for service also involves domestics, bar disputes, and disputes on the work place. The most serious case involves a fight at the Town Hall Bar where a male adult was attacked and kicked in the face. The victim suffered injuries resulting in hospitalization for several days and a short term home recuperation. This case is still under investigation and there are suspects.

Investigations is currently short an investigator. We intend to assign an officer the 1st of April. This assignment will be a rotational position lasting 3 years allowing officers to gain varied experiences.

The positives of the last year is that we have had great support from the Patrol Division who are always our first line of defense. Secondly, the public has also been a great help in a number of cases which helps in building rapport with our department and the community. As always, we will continue to strive for excellence, and provide the citizens of West Fargo all necessary services in making this community a safe and enjoyable place to live. Last but not least, we greatly appreciate the support of the City Commission as without their support this would be a much more difficult task.

Detective Sergeant Greg Warren's supervisory role finds him assigning and reviewing all the day-to-day caseloads of the Investigations Division, tracking sexual offenders, investigating forgeries, vandalisms, fraud, and stolen vehicle reports, and of course, assisting other law enforcement agencies. The total number of incidents investigated by Detective Warren in 2005 is 106 cases. A break down of the major cases he has investigated include 10 sexual assault cases, 8 burglary cases, 13 assaults, 22 larceny/theft cases, 3 failure to register (sexual offender) reports, and 2 embezzlements.

Detective Tim Runcorn has been in Investigations since January 2005. Detective Runcorn applied for this position in November of 2004 and was in the patrol division prior to Investigations. The first year of the three year rotation involves getting acclimated with investigations and attending training for the new position. Detective Runcorn investigated a total of 95 cases in 2005. A breakdown of the major cases he investigated include 10 sexual assault cases, 9 burglary cases, 18 larceny/theft cases and 7 assaults. Detective Runcorn also handles the warrant files for West Fargo Municipal Court and is an active member of the Red River Regional Bomb Team.

Detective Brad Berg has been a volunteer in Investigations for approximately five years. Brad left the Investigations Division in mid-summer of 2005 to work with the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force on behalf of the West Fargo Police Department. His caseload at the West Fargo Police Department from January to July 2005 included 56 cases investigated. The breakdown of major cases includes 3 sexual assaults, 1 aggravated assault, 6 burglaries, and 10 larceny/theft reports. Detective Berg investigated the McCracken drug conspiracy and the attempted murder case from 2004. Both cases were tried successfully in Federal Court. Detective Berg also followed up on several drug related cases which he continues with presently at the D.E.A. He is also a part of the murder investigation currently being conducted in East Grand Forks.

Juvenile Officer Terry Styf has been the Juvenile Officer since it was first initiated. Terry continues to help out with the school incidents and also helps with the case load in Investigations. Most of those cases, of course, involve juveniles. Terry has investigated 119 cases in 2005. The breakdown of major cases he has investigated includes 9 sexual assaults, 3 burglaries, 20 assaults, and 16 larceny/theft reports. Terry's cases has involved vandalism, runaways, unruly juveniles, school issues, and assisting other law enforcement agencies. Officer Styf is a negotiator with the regional SWAT Team and rotates with the others on the team being on call for negotiations.

Investigations also involves the School Resource Officer, a program which was implemented in 2005. School Resource Officer Jason Anderson is in his second year with the program. Jason splits his time between the West Fargo Middle School and the West Fargo High School. Officials at the West Fargo Middle School and West Fargo High School are very pleased with the success of the program. Having an officer on both campuses has made a huge difference, not only with handling whatever incidents arise but also with rapport between the School Resource Officer and the student body. This helps greatly in the day-to-day activities/events at school and has a positive effect on law enforcement and the West Fargo school system. There were a total of 301 incidences within the schools in 2005. A breakdown of the incidences by type is as follows: 59 defiance reports, 32 assaults/fighting reports, 24 drug possessions, 23 larceny/thefts, 21 sporting events covered, 19 threat/intimidation reports, 17 tobacco violations, 16 driving offenses, 15 weapons possessions reports, 13 disorderly conducts, 11 bullying reports, 9 trespassing, 8 vandalism, 8 alcohol related cases, 6 assist other agencies, 4 sex offenses, 4 truancy, 4 abuse reports, 3 detention reports, 3 warrants, 1 gang related report, and 1 drug sale.

DARE has been taught in the 5th and 6th grade classes since 1996. This drug program is the most popular program in the United States and is a proven deterrent to future drug use by students. The program is currently conducted at Westside, Eastwood, L.E. Berger, and South Elementary School in West Fargo and is taught by Officer Eric Wiinanen. The compliments on the DARE program are constant and Eric has great rapport with the students and parents.

Crime Free Housing is a program that has been growing since its implementation. The program is solution-oriented and is designed to be effective in reducing the incidents of crime in rental properties. When Betty Evanson started in 1998, she handled approximately 38 housing checks per month. Since that time, the background checks have increased with the addition of several new rental properties, to more than 600 checks per month that Betty handles on a part time schedule.

Last, but not least, Narcotics Officer Jason Hicks handles all the narcotics investigations for our department. He works with other area law enforcement agencies as part of the Drug Task Force conducting drug buys, orchestrating search warrants, conducting hours of surveillance and keeping track of informants. Jason's case load is immense. He works all hours as search warrants and drug buys take place any time of the day or night. His efforts are having a positive result in the on-going fight of narcotics in this area. The following is a breakdown of the narcotics seized by Drug Task Force in 2005: 2,641.26 grams of methamphetamine estimated at \$106,825 in value; 18,668.3 grams of marijuana estimated at \$53,765 in value; 599 grams of Cocaine worth approximately \$32,655; 9 grams of Crack/cocaine worth approximately \$800; 26.2 grams of Mushrooms worth approximately \$690; 10 pills of Ecstasy worth approximately \$250 in value; 150 pills of Hydrocodone worth approximately \$1500; 4 pills of an unknown drug type worth approximately \$10. Also, 10 guns were confiscated worth approximately \$1,750 in value. The Drug Task Force seized \$115,609.25 in drug money and made 99 arrests. They investigated 4 possible methamphetamine lab dumpsites in the local areas.

The following pages include a more detailed breakdown of the Investigations, Patrol, dispatch calls, and cases reported to the West Fargo Police Department. Thanks to everyone for another wonderful year and for everyone's hard work and dedication at the West Fargo Police Department.

Employees:

SWORN	Civilian	Part time civilian	Full time volunteer	Part time volunteer
28	12	1	1	1
26 male	10 female	1female	1male	1male
2 female	2 male			

Sworn Positions:

Chief – 1
Captain – 1
Sgt. Investigation Division – 1
Sgt. Patrol – 2
Patrol Officers - 17
Investigators – 1 general, 1 narcotics, 1 juvenile
Truck Regulatory – 1
School Resource Officer – 1
Dare Officer – 1

Civilian Positions:

Chief Dispatcher – 1
Dispatchers – 7
Office Manager – 1
Clerical – 3
Crime Free Housing – ½ time

Volunteers:

Narcotics Investigations – 1 full time
Chaplain – 1 part time

Secondary Positions:

SWAT Team – 5
 A. Operations – 1
 B. Negotiations – 2
 C. Bomb – 2

Citizens Police Academy – 4
 A. Primary adviser – 1 (3 assistants)

Explorer Scouts – 3
 A. Primary adviser – 1 (3 assistants)

Red River Valley Safe Communities Coalition – 2
 A. Alcohol Server Training Officer - 1
 B. Board member 1

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) – 2

Bike Patrol Officers – 4

Firearms Instructor – 4
 A. GLOCK Armor – 2 (able to fix firearms that malfunction)

TRIAD Advisor – 1 (works with senior citizens)

WEST FARGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

2005 Annual Stats

A Year to Date Comparison

(Breakdown of Offenses Reported by Part I and Part II Crimes)

Part I Crimes	2005	2004	2003
Assault – Aggravated	17	15	14
Burglary/ B&E	73	78	53
Homicide- Murder/Non-Negligent	0	0	0
Homicide- Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft Offenses	376	400	350
Motor Vehicle Theft	32	38	36
Robbery	5	2	4
Sex Offenses – Forcible Rape	10	5	4
Part II Crimes – “A” Offenses			
Arson	0	3	5
Assault – Others	204	163	182
Counterfeit/Forgery	27	33	28
Destroy/Damage/Vandalism	250	232	270
Drug Violations	217	241	215
Embezzlement	3	2	6
Fraud Offenses	40	29	35
Gambling Offenses	0	2	0
Prostitution Offenses	0	4	2
Sex Offenses – Other	19	24	21
Stolen Property Offenses	10	24	14
Weapons Laws Violations	15	7	10
Part II Crimes – “B” Offenses			
Curfew/Loitering Vagrancy	38	24	15
Disorderly Conduct	53	45	73
Driving Under the Influence	257	214	215
Family Offenses – Non-violent	38	38	54
Liquor Law Violations	144	114	147
Runaway	46	35	38
All Other Offenses	222	203	183

OFFICER MANAGEMENT REPORT

2005 – Monthly Totals

Officer Name	Unit Number	NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS PER OFFICER		NUMBER OF TICKETS PER OFFICER				
		Report/Arrest Officer	Assist/ Officer	Seatbelt Tickets	Parking Tickets	Traffic Citation	Warning Tickets	Child Restraint Tickets
Anderson, Jason	628	79	6	5	2	32	4	1
Balvik, Jason	641	92	36		13	92	11	
Berg, Brad	502	24	2					
Birrenkott, Joe	405	117	31		13	88	24	
Bommersbach, Gary	614	80	24		11	34	5	
Boyer, Gerald	640	148	52	1	10	139	33	
Cruft, Derek	635	120	44		2	83		
Dawkins, Stacy	621	120	15		4	9	7	1
Dura, Jason	624	79	48		10	118	19	
Jorgensen, Rhonda	630	92	27		5	21	3	
Hicks, Jason	634		4					
Larson, Earl	606	110	25		46	31	46	
Loberg, Donald	607	127	34		20	106	7	
Mack, Douglas	603	19	5		85	61	236	
Morris, Mark	633	87	38	2	4	171	1	
Nielsen, Pete	631	163	51	10	16	166	27	4
O'Donnell, Ryan	642	24	14	1	1	26	13	2
Orth, Miles	638	115	28	4	39	102	19	1
Pearson, Todd	632	109	27		27	43	32	
Reitan, Michael	200	10	1		5	1	1	
Runcorn, Tim	636	17	17			2		
Sall, Duane	406	49	12	3	1	10	8	
Schmidt, Allen	622	354	38	3	10	383	4	19
Styf, Terry	617	36	16			1		
Warren, Greg	404	20	7					
Wiinanen, Eric	623	14	5	4	1	19	12	2
Williams, Tyler	637	107	66		6	91	6	1
Zeeb, Ken	639	163	45	11	28	177	7	

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

ACCIDENTS	ANNUAL
Reportable	\$349.00
Estimate/Reportable Dollar Damage	\$1,362,947
Non-Reportable (Under \$1000)	\$104.00
Estimate/Non-Reportable Dollar Damage	\$55,782
Estimate/Total Amount For Reportable & Non-Reportable Accidents	\$1,418,729
Number of Individuals Involved (including Drive/Passengers)	\$1,780.00
Number of Reports with Injuries	71
Number of Reports involving Property	290
Number of Reports of Hit and Runs	89
Number of Reports involving Fatalities	2

TICKETS / CITATIONS

WARNING TICKETS	ANNUAL
Warning Tickets - Parking Violations	246
Warning Tickets - Equipment Violations	152
Warning Tickets - Bike Violations	62
Seatbelt Violations	44
Child Restraint Violations	31

Comparison of Number of Reported Calls

Monthly Comparison 2005

Month	Number of Reported Calls Per Month
January	692
February	656
March	744
April	825
May	826
June	953
July	1,106
August	1,144
September	1,079
October	1037
November	1016
December	874
TOTAL:	10,952

A Year to Date Comparison by Month
2003-2004

Month	2004	2005
January	638	692
February	630	656
March	713	744
April	754	825
May	806	826
June	823	953
July	883	1,106

August	816	1,144
September	824	1,079
October	773	1037
November	697	1016
December	692	874
TOTAL	9049	10,952

ARRESTS

Made by West Fargo Police Department

Month	Juvenile Arrests	Adult Arrests	Total Arrests
January	24	99	123
February	36	124	160
March	58	114	172
April	46	119	165
May	41	93	134
June	21	107	128
July	32	101	133
August	31	98	129
September	37	120	157
October	44	96	140
November	29	109	138
December	27	86	113
TOTAL	426	1226	1692

WARRANTS

Warrants Issued & Cleared -2005

	ANNUAL
Warrants Issued	386
Warrants Cleared	305
% Cleared	79.02%
Warrant Cleared by West Fargo Police Dept.	143
Warrants Cleared by Other Agency	163

Gross Bond Amount of Warrants Cleared

	ANNUAL
West Fargo Police	\$47,079.40
Other Agency	\$34,702.70
Gross Bond	\$81,352.10

VOLUNTEERED HOURS BY OFFICER BRAD BERG

MONTH	TOTAL HOURS	QUARTERLY TOTAL
January	197.00	482.50
February	196.50	
March	89.00	
April	148.25	511.50
May	195.75	
June	167.50	
July	212.00	653.25
August	244.00	
September	197.25	
October	206.75	541.00
November	133.25	
December	201.00	

Explanation of programs within the WFPD:

Citizen's Police Academy

Brief Summary : At the close of 2005 we will have hosted our 10th Citizens Police Academy with 110 people completing the course. Since it began in September of 2000, the West Fargo Citizen Police Academy has been very popular.

This program is designed to increase the understanding between citizens and the police through hands on training.

In addition to specialized classroom training, citizens are exposed to patrol duties with Police Department Officers. Citizens participate in a wide range of training from classroom sessions to actual training scenarios.

Citizen Police Academy participants are not actually trained for police work. However, participants will have a better understanding of the West Fargo Police Department operations and the day to day responsibilities and duties that officers are tasked with on a regular basis. Through their participation in the Citizens Police Academy program participants obtain a greater understanding of the West Fargo Police Department and help promote community awareness which in itself is the most powerful force any law enforcement agency has in the fight against crime.

School Resource Officer: 2005 will be the first complete school year that West Fargo has had the opportunity to utilize a School Resource Officer. This position was made possible through a cooperative effort between the West Fargo Public School System and the City of West Fargo obtaining a Federal Grant partially paying for this officer. He is responsible to split his time between the High School and Middle School. The officer becomes a resource in every sense of the word for both students and staff. He reports to the administrators at each building during the day, seeing if any problems need to be handled at the law enforcement level. He'll also be visible in the building during school hours, which means students can easily report any suspicious activity to somebody they know they can trust. Fights, drugs and other issues can be nipped in the bud before they bloom into a potential problem. The SRO also works many of the special events that the school is associated with such as athletic events and social events.

National Night Out: West Fargo holds a community event called National Night Out, at Elmwood Park on the first Tuesday of August, starting at 5pm and lasting until approximately 9:00pm. This is a unique crime/drug prevention event which encourages a large number of organizations to participate by displaying what they are doing in and for our community. Booths are set up for demonstrations presented by fire, police, rescue units, scouts, church groups, and countless other organizations. The purpose of the event is to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) West Fargo has offered the DARE Program as a combined effort through the City of West Fargo and the West Fargo School District since 1996. Several thousand 5th and 6th graders have graduated from DARE, now in its 9th year in West Fargo. Graduating from DARE has become a large scale event usually completely filling either our high school or middle school theater. Our DARE Officer is the only one in the nation that has worked with the local media and has classes film commercials against the use of drugs which are run on public television! (Some day we are hoping for national recognition regarding this!).

Explorers: West Fargo Police Explorers is for students ages 14 through 20 years. This program was established in West Fargo in 1999 and allows young men and women to "explore" the career of law enforcement. Explorers meet several times a month with training in many areas of law enforcement, including: fingerprinting, DUI enforcement, narcotics, domestic investigation, Defensive Tactics, SWAT and traffic Stops. We average approximately 7 students per year through the course.

SWAT: (Special Weapons and Tactics) This team of sworn officers is composed of members from not only West Fargo Police but Fargo Police, Moorhead Police, Cass County Sheriff's Office and Clay County Sheriff's Office. This combined effort in manpower, equipment and resources allows for better fiscal responsibility by all in the utilization of tax dollars. SWAT has several components that can either work independently or together to combat a situation that our regular officers find unable to safely conclude. These components are: tactical operations, negotiations and bomb identification & disassembly.

- A. Tactical Operations: This is probably the most common perception of what SWAT is. The tactical operations portion is comprised of the officers that surround the building or suspect, are made up of snipers, door entry officers, distraction device officers, gas launchers, and officers that do the building searches and yes dress in the heavily armored vests carrying shields and big guns. They are very militaristic in looks and work style. Their intent is to intimidate the subject(s) and simply overwhelm them with confusion and fear allowing time to control the situation hopefully without violence.
- B. Negotiations Officers: These are the officers that do what some people say SWAT stands for, sit, wait and talk. They try to establish communications with the subject allowing the person time to vent. These officers need to be quick thinking, calm and utilize the English language very carefully. They are the ones that utilize such devices as "throw phones" commonly seen at hostage situations on TV.
- C. Bomb Technicians: These officers can work both with the operations officers and negotiators or independently since many of their calls for service do not necessarily subjects that are "hold up" in a building or people holding hostages. They are called on to evaluate suspicious packages, remove old explosives found in buildings left untouched for possibly 50 years, etc. They utilize x-ray machines, wear large bulky suits, run a robot and some pretty sophisticated equipment.

Truck Regulatory Officer: The Truck Regulatory Officer enforces all weight/width regulations on city streets.

This officer works closely with the Public Works Director and City Engineer regarding various problems that might arise in regards to overweight vehicles, conducts surveys for the engineering and police department such as speed studies, traffic flows etc. When not enforcing truck regulations he or she will handle nuisance complaints such as junked vehicles and/or places where items commonly termed junk have accumulated, working closely with the West Fargo City Planners Office.

Juvenile Officer: In 1995 the West Fargo Police Department established a Juvenile Officer Position to work primarily with young people, under the age of 18, who have come into conflict with the law and are experiencing personal, home or community problems. These youth will have come to the attention of the West Fargo Police Department through a process of: juvenile criminal activity, crisis intervention, referral from schools, social service or concerned citizens. Since our youth are our future this officer has great influence on the future of West Fargo!

Dispatchers: Dispatchers or communications officers are often the first individuals the public either speaks to by phone or sees when coming to the police station. They are often the “unsung heroes” of many events. They are responsible to receive complaints and requests for emergency services from citizens by telephone and in person. They must calmly dispatch appropriate agencies when and where necessary; provide emergency medical instructions and dispatch pre-arrival instructions to callers when necessary while they at the same time handle multiple assignments at once such as direct assistance from other agencies, send and receive information by teletype, access computer data bases, talk over the radio, answer phones as well as handle people stopping in at the customer service counter.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Housing Characteristics

The year of 2005 showed remarkable growth rates for the City in terms of the number of permitted new single family, twin home, and multiple family units. Though there were not as many single family permits issued in 2005 as the previous year, the total number of residential units permitted and the number of multiple family units permitted broke the previous record established in 2004. Permits were issued for 256 single family units and 164 twin home units in the City for a total of 420 single family detached and attached units. One additional single family unit was permitted in the City's Extraterritorial Limits. Permits were also issued for 653 multiple family units in the City. A total of 1,073 new dwelling units were constructed within the City during 2005. The housing construction activity for 2005 is shown on the table below which also reflects the level of activity since 1970.

CITY OF WEST FARGO HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, 1970 - 2005¹

YEAR	SINGLE FAMILY UNITS²	MULTIPLE FAMILY UNITS	TOTAL
1970	73	78	151
1971	63	42	105
1972	72	175	247
1973	79	26	105
1974	72	174	246

1975	71	112	183
1976	129	40	169
1977	87	180	267
1978	114	208	322
1979	53	70	123
1980	38	88	126
1981	2	0	2
1982	35	0	35
1983	39	52	91
1984	25	98	123
1985	32	74	106
1986	50	8	58
1987	35	5	40
1988	44	7	51
1989	42	44	86
1990	56	26	82
1991	60	48	108
1992	69	40	109
1993	135	48	183
1994	95	24	119
1995	115	44	159
1996	101	8	109
1997	128	46	174
1998	206	24	230
1999	171	28	199
2000	152	50	202
2001	240	90	330
2002	326	39	365
2003	501	151	652
2004	626	392	1,018
2005	421	653	1,074

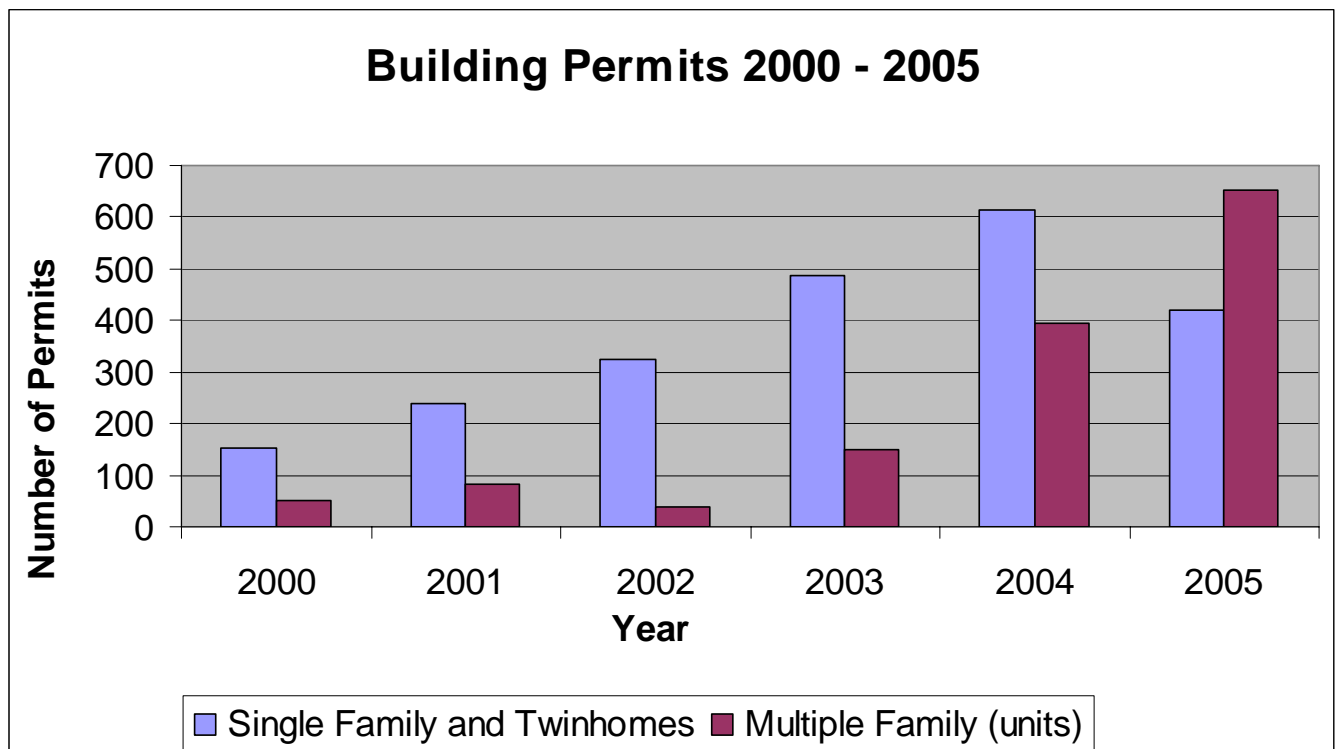
Notes: ¹Permits from City and Extraterritorial areas.

²Includes Single Family detached and Single Family attached (twin homes) Units.

The number of single family and multiple family units developed within the City Limits since 2000 is reflected on the table below, as well as on the accompanying graph. Single family construction peaked in 2004 with 613 units being built, and multiple family peaked in 2005 with 653 units constructed. The growth in number of dwelling units since 2000 is quite remarkable.

Permit Type/Year*	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<i>Single Family and Twinhomes</i>	152	240	326	486	613	420
<i>Multiple Family (units)</i>	50	84	39	151	396	653
Total	202	324	365	637	1009	1073

* Does not include Extraterritorial Area

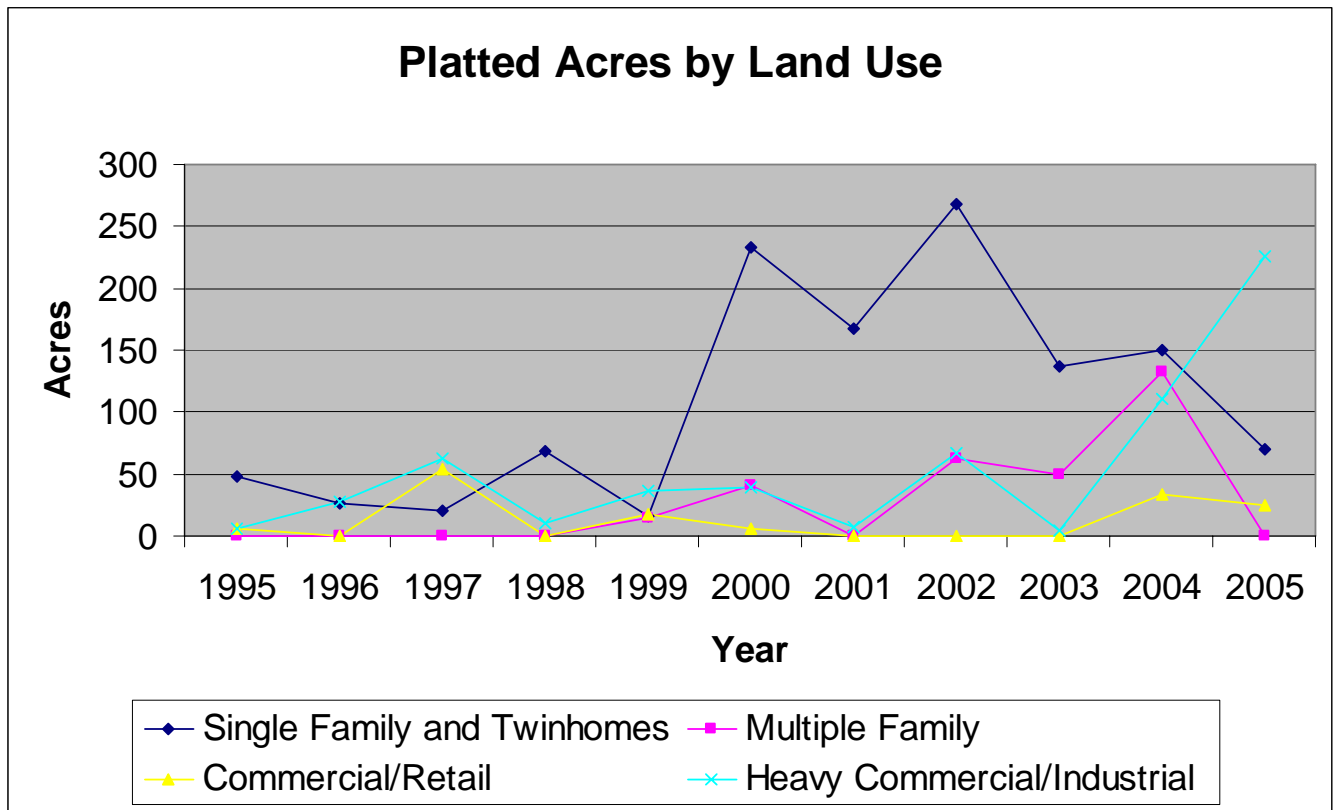


Development Characteristics

Development within the City can be measured in a number of ways. The City reviews a number of subdivisions each year which set forth a street layout and lot arrangement to accommodate certain land uses. At the time of subdivision platting, a specific zoning is usually requested for the property which provides for the intended land use. The Planning Department reviewed a number of subdivisions in 2005 which platted about 321 acres of land for various land uses. The table below and accompanying graph which is titled Platted Acres by Land Use shows that 70 acres of land was platted for single family and twin home use, 25 acres for commercial/retail use, and 225 acres for heavy

commercial or industrial use. Typically, subdivisions will contain lots which will be developed over several years, so the number of acres platted for a certain land use will vary significantly from year to year. The City has seen a sizeable increase in platting activity since the year 2000. As a general observation, we would note that if the rate of single family residential development in 2006 were to be similar to that of 2005, the City would have about a two-year supply of lots for mid-range to upper-scale housing units and a shortage of lots for twin homes and entry level housing.

Platted Land Use/Year	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<i>Single Family and Twinhomes</i>	48.75	26.46	19.80	68.26	15.78	233.67	166.95	268.00	136.80	150.36	70.08
<i>Multiple Family</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.00	41.10	0.00	63.11	49.82	131.92	0.00
<i>Commercial/Retail</i>	6.50	0.00	54.30	0.00	17.50	6.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.00	25.40
<i>Heavy Commercial/Industrial</i>	6.14	27.80	62.70	10.40	36.87	40.00	6.76	66.41	4.97	111.10	225.03
Total	61.39	54.26	136.80	78.66	84.15	321.15	173.71	397.52	191.59	426.38	320.51



Population Growth

CITY OF WEST FARGO - 2005 POPULATION ESTIMATE

[illegible]

¹Includes 212 Existing units in annexed subdivisions & areas

²Mobile homes in courts

³Cass County Tax Director Office records for current year

⁴Single family homes

⁵3 single family homes; 4 multiple family units

⁶1 duplex; 2 removed manufactured homes

⁷1 single family home; 1 manufactured home

⁸Vacancy rate of 3.3%

⁹Metro Surveillance & Monitoring Report, 5/02

¹⁰Metro Surveillance & Monitoring Report, 8/05

¹¹Population estimate once units are occupied

The Planning Department estimates that West Fargo has approximately 6,184 single family detached and attached homes currently within the City limits and 3,195 apartment units (after demolitions). The single family to multiple family ratio is about 65.9 percent single family and 34.1 percent multiple family. Information from the County Tax Director's Office shows 359 mobile homes in mobile home courts. It is estimated that there were 9,738 total dwelling units in the City in 2005 which includes 212 dwelling units added through various annexations during the year. The population estimate takes into consideration that at any time there are a number of vacant units. We continue to use the vacancy rate which was present when the 2000 Census was completed (3.3%). The population estimate also takes into consideration that the number of persons per household continues to decline. We utilize the projected persons per household rate used in the Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments' Metropolitan Surveillance and Monitoring Report which is completed on an annual basis (2.32 persons per household in 2005). Utilizing the population estimate methodology provided above, the estimated population for the City as of December 31, 2005 is 21,852. This assumes that construction of the units permitted during the year has been completed. This is an increase of approximately 1,552 residents over the last year which is a growth rate of about 7.65 percent during 2005. Since 2000 the City has added approximately 6,912 residents for a growth rate of about 46 percent. When comparing the 2000-2006 growth with historical growth characteristics as shown in the table below, one can readily see that over the past six years the City has grown at a much faster rate than over each of the last two decades. Since 2000 it is estimated that the City has added more residents than within any decade in our history.

**CITY OF WEST FARGO
HISTORICAL POPULATION FIGURES**

YEAR	POPULATION	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
1940	707	---
1950	1,032	+ 46%
1960	3,328	+ 222%
1970	5,161	+ 55%
1980	10,099	+ 96%
1990	12,287	+ 22%
2000	14,940	+ 22%
2005	21,852 (est.)	±46%

**7.7% average annual growth for 6-year period.*

Building Permit Valuation

The total building valuation for permitted structures in 2005 was \$117.5 million of which \$81.1 million was for residential construction and \$32.4 million for commercial construction (refer to Building Permit Valuation table). Other valuation for permitted structures amounted to \$3.9 million. Total permit valuation increased by \$9.0 million over 2004, which is the highest building permit valuation year on record. Commercial valuation is the highest on record by far and helps to improve the City's economic base. The building permit valuation for the last three years has been tremendously higher than previous years, which is reflective of the extent of construction activity. Between the mid-1970 and early 1990's the total annual valuation of permits ranged between \$5.5 million and \$6.4 million. Building permit valuation increased by over 2.5 times from \$6.4 million to \$16.8 million between 1990 and 1995. Between 1995 and 2000 the total building permit valuation increased by 66 percent to \$27.9 million. Since 2000 the City has seen an increase in total building permit valuation of over 4.2 times which is quite remarkable.

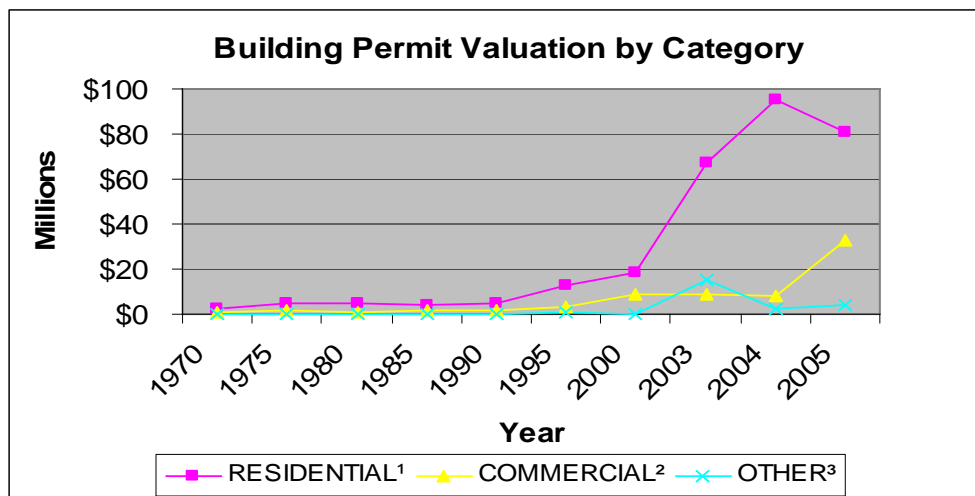
CITY OF WEST FARGO
BUILDING PERMIT VALUATION BY CATEGORY, SELECT YEARS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL¹</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL²</u>	<u>OTHER³</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>% RES.</u>	<u>% COM.</u>
1970	\$2,494,532	\$417,500	\$9,500	\$2,921,532	85%	14%
1975	4,430,705	1,869,776	5,500	\$6,305,981	70%	30%
1980	4,717,400	817,634	---	\$5,535,034	85%	15%
1985	4,395,150	1,316,218	---	\$5,711,368	77%	23%
1990	5,076,950	1,340,400	---	\$6,417,350	79%	21%
1995	12,812,828	3,586,650	450,000	\$16,849,478	76%	21%
2000	18,773,609	8,755,865	331,428	\$27,860,902	67%	31%
2003	66,924,359	9,110,968	15,578,200	\$91,613,527	73%	10%
2004	94,717,102	8,091,814	5,699,504	\$108,508,420	87%	7%
2005	81,100,334	32,415,606	3,946,005	\$117,461,945	69%	28%

¹Single family, twinhome, townhome, and multiple family new building and building remodel permits.

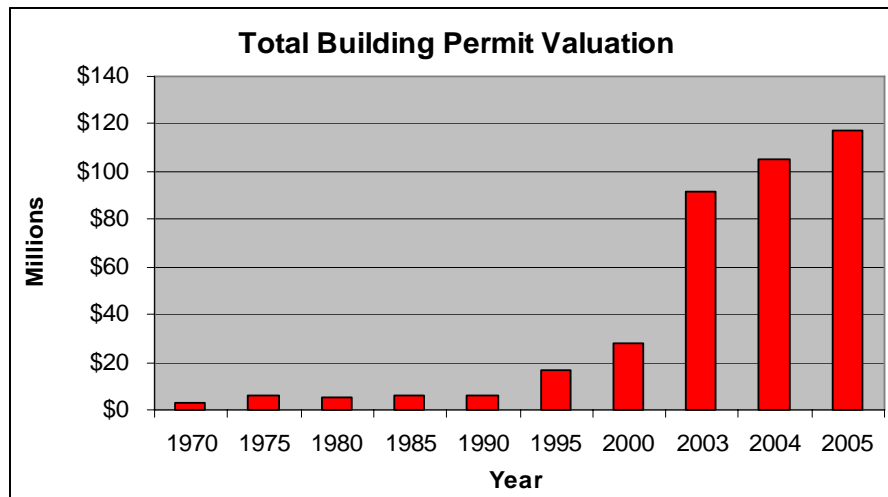
²New and remodel commercial permits.

³Public uses, church, accessory building, foundation permits, and demolition permits.



Though commercial permit valuation has increased significantly since 1995, when comparing the residential permit valuation with the commercial permit valuation, it appears that the City has seen little progress in increasing the percentage of commercial permit valuation to develop a healthier local tax base. In 2005 the commercial tax base was only 28% whereas the residential tax base was 69%. The City has seen significant increases in commercial construction activity since 1990 from \$1.3 million in permit valuation to \$32.4 million in 2005.

This has been very helpful for the economy and local tax base. However, the rapid residential growth during the same period has been astounding, seeing increases from \$5.1 million to \$81.1. The residential and commercial percentages shown in the Building Permit Valuation table is not viewed the same from a taxation basis as multiple family is considered commercial. With this in mind, there was about 52.8 percent of the building permit valuation in 2005 that would be taxed at a commercial rate versus 28 percent of the valuation reflected as commercial in the table. The average permit valuation for single family structures has increased from \$73,225 in 1992 to \$138,877 in 2005. The graph above shows how the valuation of permits has increased between residential, commercial and other permit categories. The graph below displays the total in permit valuations by five-year increments through the year 2000 with selected years thereafter.



In 2005 the F/M Area Association of Realtors showed West Fargo leading area communities of Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo, Dilworth, Casselton and Barnesville in average and median sale prices of homes. The average sale price was \$168,445 and the median sale price was \$151,438 for West Fargo. These characteristics reflect a strong housing market in the City.

Annexations

The City had 3,026 acres of land added to the community during 2005 (refer to annexation table and figure). An Administrative Law Judge ruled that 1,911 acres was annexed to the City as of December 22, 2005. The City had entered into agreements with owners of about 97% of the property proposed for annexation. The annexation included agricultural land which was proposed for annexation in 2006 and rural subdivisions which were proposed to be annexed in 2007. Though the property was annexed in December, it is subject to taxation at

the current township level. Four farmsteads would be exempted from annexation for 15 years unless the property is developed or sold to a non-family party. Additionally, one agricultural property along 40th Avenue East will not be annexed until November 2013 unless petitioned sooner by the owner, as a previous annexation agreement was signed. Since 2001 the City has annexed 4,637 acres of land which has doubled the size of the City from the year 2000.

**CITY OF WEST FARGO
ANNEXATION ACREAGES
1961 – 2005**

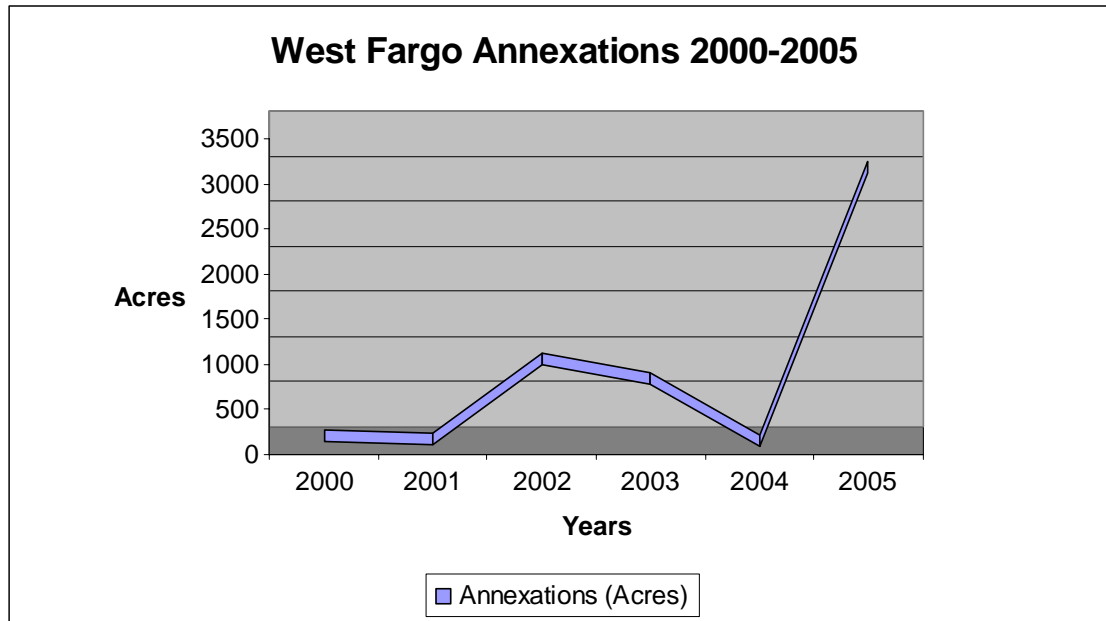
PERIOD	ACREAGE	AVERAGE PER YEAR
1961-1970	358	35.8
1971-1980	2,060	260.0
1981-1990	1,552	155.2
1991-2000	256	25.6
2001	13.8	---
2002	912.2	---
2003	684.6	---
2004 ¹	0	---
2005 ²	3,026.4	---
TOTAL ACREAGE	8,863	---
CURRENT CITY AREA	9,370.4	---

¹City Commission actions taken in 2003 and 2004 resulted in two annexations in 2005 (Nelson Acres/McMahon Estates area and West Fargo Industrial Park area), which added 799.2 Acres to the City.

²Administrative Law Judge ruled 1,911 Acres were to be annexed in 2005 rather than 2006 and 2007 as the City proposed.

Source: “Coordinated Land Use and Transportation Plan”, City of West Fargo, ND, 1985; Annexations 1985-2005.

The graph below depicts the acres of land that has been annexed since 2000. Though there were no annexations in 2004, actions of the City Commission in that year resulted in additional annexation activity in 2005.



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
Annexations (Acres)	46.6	13.8	912.2	684.6	0.0	3026.4	4683.6

Historically, the City experienced substantial annexations in the 1970's and 1980's which adequately accommodated the growth of the community through 2000. Annexations over the last few years will accommodate the growth of the City for a number of years into the future. Currently the City has approximately 9,370 acres of area.

Land Use Plan

The City amended their Land Use Plan for the area south of Interstate 94 in early 2005. When the West Fargo Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2000, the City had not anticipated the rapid development south of the interstate. It was thought that urban development would not occur for up to ten years, so detailed land use planning was left to a later date. Once urban development patterns began with the Eagle Run development, the Planning Department developed alternative land use development plans and strategies to assist the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Commission in adopting a new Land Use Plan to properly guide planning and development.

Development Review Activity

The Planning Department saw 76 applications for development in 2005 as shown on the Development Review table. Where possible the City combines review applications where multiple reviews occur which expedites development in a timely manner and saves costs in fees. Some 95 development reviews were conducted with the 76 applications. In addition to the applications reviewed, the

Planning Department reviewed 89 building permit applications for numerous permanent signs and multiple family and commercial building structures.

**CITY OF WEST FARGO
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BY TYPE BY YEAR**

Year	Subdivision	Rezoning	Conditional Use	Other¹	Total²	# of Applications	Permit Reviews
1985	5	3	---	1	9	9	---
1986	6	6	2	16	30	21	---
1987	4	1	1	13	19	17	---
1988	3	1	1	3	8	7	---
1989	5	3	5	5	18	16	---
1990	9	5	2	10	26	20	---
1991	8	9	5	16	38	31	---
1992	14	10	5	22	51	44	---
1993	11	6	4	16	37	30	41
1994	18	10	15	17	60	46	41
1995	12	12	12	17	53	42	56
1996	12	7	14	20	53	44	62
1997	17	12	21	11	61	47	61
1998	19	11	25	22	77	63	63
1999	19	10	24	27	80	64	80
2000	18	17	26	23	84	65	71
2001	13	6	21	19	60	49	66
2002	25	18	24	31	100	68	76
2003	25	17	25	31	102	71	94
2004	22	14	25	39	100	75	87
2005	26	13	23	33	95	76	89

Notes: ¹Includes Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Simple Lot Splits, Variances, PUDs.

²Where possible, multiple development reviews are combined into one application.

The Planning Department is also responsible for reviewing licenses and permits for portable signs. The current system was put in place in March-April of 2004. Though we encountered a few issues early on, the implementation of the Ordinance has gone fairly well. Very few complaints have been received from businesses or sign companies on the current system. The City issued 121 permits for portable and high impact signs in 2005.

The Planning Department is responsible for zoning and subdivision enforcement. Much of the enforcement in this area has been complaint driven as the staff has not had much time to make field inspections. When complaints are received, we generally do a site visit and also check the surrounding area for similar violations. The follow up on complaints is very time consuming as we try to work with the individual first for compliance rather than citing them in violation immediately. During 2005 the Planning Department responded to a significant number of violations related to zoning and subdivision ordinances. Additional complaints were reviewed which were not found to be zoning and subdivision violations, and a number of complaint referrals were made. The Planning Department intends to implement a complaint log system beginning in 2006 which will provide for more complete information on complaints received and manner in which the complaint was addressed.

Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance

After the City adopted its Comprehensive Plan in 2000, we began a comprehensive update to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance through contract services. The contractor was not able to perform adequately following the loss of staff, so the City determined that the changes would be done by the local planning staff over a several year period. The initial set of amendments took place in 2003 with substantial changes to the Sign Regulations and Corridor Overlay District. The final set of amendments took place in 2005 with comprehensive changes to existing zoning districts and supplementary district regulations, establishing a number of new zoning districts, and changes to the Subdivision Ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Street Department

2005 was a busy year for the street department. The street department saw an additional 50 miles of road added to the City's street system. In August of 2005 the city took over the control and maintenance of Cass County road 17. This road is scheduled for improvements in 2006 with an overlay and single lights at 32nd and 40th. In July of 2005 the city annexed the McMahon and Carmel developments. The McMahon's addition finished the street paving project 2005. In 2005 the street department continued with the Main avenue frontage road paving project, and now 80% of the frontage roads have newly paved surfaces. Other street projects completed in 2005 were;

- a. First Street from 13th Ave to 7th Ave. Roadway reconstruction, utility installation, and lighting.
- b. 13th Ave W from Sheyenne Street to Drain 21. Roadway reconstruction, roadway rehabilitation, utility installation, multi-use path installation, and lighting.
- c. Signal Installations and roadway improvements at 17th Ave/9th St E, Sheyenne Street/17th Ave, Sheyenne Street/19th Ave, and 6th Street E/13th Ave.
- d. Developments: Sterling Area, Butler's 3rd Addition, Westport Beach Addition, Eagle Run 12th Addition, Charleswood River Estates 7th and 8th Additions
- e. 9th Street West from North Sedona Drive to 32nd Ave S. Includes utility installation, multi-use path installation, and lighting.
- f. Center Street Improvements from Main Ave to 12th Ave N

Street Light Improvement Districts

- g. Developments: Westport Beach Addition, Oakhaven Addition, Sterling area, Eagle Run 12th & 13th Additions, Butlers 3rd Addition, Hayden Heights Addition, Charleswood River Estates 7th & 8th Additions, and Rendezvous Park.

The completed annexation of the land south of the interstate will add many more miles of roads to the street system with plans in the works to pave 32nd avenue south, construct an overpass on 9th street and complete a new road on 9th street south from the interstate to 40th avenue south. The street department now has over 257 miles of roads to plow and maintain. In addition to street plowing and maintenance, the street department also does curb and gutter repair, sidewalk repair, mowing, street light maintenance and repair, sign maintenance and replacement, traffic signal maintenance and repair and street stripping. The street department does all of these task with only seven full time employees.

Sanitation Department

The City Sanitation Department saw the biggest changes in 2005 of any department in the city. The Sanitation Department took over control of the transfer station and inert landfill in September of 2005 and undertook the cleanup and repairs of those facilities. The transfer station has now been re-sheeted; all of the doors have been replaced, a new fence has been installed, new drains have been installed and the entire area has been cleaned up. The inert landfill has be compacted, covered and reshaped to make a much more functional landfill operation.

The sanitation department hired 3 new employees in 2005. In addition the sanitation department added a new large dozer for the operations at the landfill and a new tractor backhoe for the operations at the transfer station.

SANATATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

HAULING STATISTICS

ITEM	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005
To inert landfill	1,132.10 Tons
To Transfer Station	15,312.63 Tons
Total Tons	16,444.73 Tons
Hauling Fees	\$302,555.10

RECYCLING STATISTICS

ITEM	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005
Compost	806.71 Tons
Paper/Income	294.73 Tons \$4,420.95
Glass	20.15 Tons
Tin & Aluminum/Income	10.75 Tons \$2,590.21
Appliances - Number	957
Christmas Trees Tons	6.2

ROLL-OFF STATISTICS

ITEM	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005
Hauled to transfer station	1,891.53 Tons
Hauled to Inert landfill	988.15 Tons
Total Tons Hauled	2,879.68 Tons
Pulls/Total	1,096
Revenues \$65 per pull	\$71,240.00

Sewer and Water Department

In 2005, the Sewer and Water Department added two new employees. The City reached agreement with Cass Rural Water to buy out their service area in the Westport Beach subdivision. The City also contracted for a new Water Well to be located east of 9th street south (in the city of Fargo) and a new 1.5 million gallon water tower to be located in the Nelson Acres subdivision. The following is a list of other major projects completed or bid in 2005.

2. Sewer and Water Improvement Districts

- a. Developments: Rendezvous Park, Charleswood 20th/22nd Additions, Sterling Area, Integrity Addition, Hayden Heights Addition, Butler's 3rd Addition, Westport Beach Addition, Eagle Run 12th Addition, Charleswood River Estates 7th and 8th Additions,
- b. Lagoon improvements to Cell 7, along with flow meter installation.
- c. Addition of a new city well near the old Federal Beef Site.
- d. Water Main installation from 32nd Ave to 9th Street to 40th Ave and New Southeast Well.

3. Storm Sewer Improvement Districts

- a. Storm Water Retention Pond south of 14th Ave E. west of 9th St E.
- b. Regional Storm Water Lift Station at 13th Ave W and 2nd Street and associated piping.
- c. Regional Storm Water Lift Station for the Eagle Run Area.

These projects have added 62,800 feet of water mains, 19,500 feet of sanitary sewer mains and 40,600 feet of storm sewer mains to the city's infrastructure in 2005. the total amount of sewer and water infrastructure in the city is as follows:

Watermain – 134.9 miles

Sanitary Sewer – 122.9 miles

Storm Sewer – 99.1 miles

CONCLUSION

2005 was indeed an outstanding year for the City of West Fargo. The growth in all sectors of the city including, housing, commercial and city infrastructure was astonishing. However along with growth come the challenges of providing the same level of city services to vastly expanding city population. For 2006 the city will need to look at new ways to increase to productivity of our staff, and to incorporate the new areas of the city into the daily operations of the city. In addition the City will need to continue to plan for the future needs. Three main construction projects are in the planning stages. They are the 9th street overpass and street, the main avenue reconstruction and a new water treatment plant. These projects will challenge the city's resources, however they will ultimately position the city for even more growth. This is indeed an exciting time to be part of the City of West Fargo.